Amount spent on the National Highways in Kerala

1112. SHRI THENNALA BALAKRISHNA PILLAI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent in the National Highways in the State of Kerala in the last two years;

(b) whether the allotted fund was totally utilised; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Amount allocated to Government of Kerala for development and maintenance and repairs of National Highways during the last two years is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Development	Maintenance & Repairs
1994-95	3124.95	924.10
1995-96	4310.00	863.88

(b) and (c) The funds allocated have not been surrendered.

Women Pilots in IAF

1113. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women pilots in the Indian Air Force at present,

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government to induct more women fighter pilots in the Indian Air Force; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) The total number of women pilots in the Indian Air Force is 26 as on 1.7.96.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Redressal of Grievances of Telephone Subscribers in Delhi

1114. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telephone faults complaints made by subscribers of South-Delhi and which have not been removed even after passage of more than one month; and

(b) the details of ways to compensate such subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) At present, there is no fault pending in South Delhi for more than one month.

(b) Every efforts is made to clear the faults at the earliest. However, in cases, where the telephone remains faulty for more than 7 days, rebate in rental is granted.

Vacant Post of CMD in Shipping Corporation of India

1115. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of CMD of Shipping Corporation of India is lying vacant;

(b) whether it is a fact there were three officiating chief during the last one year; and

(c) by when Government are likely to appoint a permanent CMD?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The process to fill up the post on regular basis has already been initiated.

Representation of Muslims in Rapid Action Force

1116. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps being taken by Government to ensure sufficient representation of Muslims in the Rapid Action Force?